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Dear Doctor Lederberg,

I thank you very much for sending me three reprints of the recent works. Two of them belong to your special research work which is acknowledged in the whole world. I do not have to make comments to these.

Your third work on Exobiology... is partly of philosophical nature, partly contains some new ideas, based on recent research. You mentioned in your conclusion the names of J. B. S. Haldane and H. G. Wells. I may add perhaps Boivin whose first very well known work on the "Glyco-Lipopolysaccharid of gram-negative bacteria" 1947 before his sudden death. He started to work on the Immunity of bacterial nukleoproteid. Approximately in this time, <sup>French</sup> a speculative but very interesting french book of him on Exobiology.

Very sincerely yours

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